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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, 5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq. Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. E. R. BRILLIOT, Esq. ADAM LIND, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. H. ROFFIUS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. Hon. W. KENNEDY.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS ISAAC ROSE is authorised to conduct the Business of the BORMEO COMPANY, LIMITED, at Hongkong, and to Sign per Procuration.

JOHN HARVEY, Managing Director.

London, December 14, 1877. fe28

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from this Date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. sp2

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, by WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co., Late Manager of the MOUNTAIN IRON WORKS, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. fe10

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

Ex M. M. S. S. "AFA,"

AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYBAU.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S LONG ASPARAGUS.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S SARDINES.

FENARD & FILS'

CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.

RICHMOND SMOKING MIXTURE. BARCELONA NUTS.

PEANUTS. ALMONDS in SHELL. SMYRNA FIGS.

MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.

EPPE'S COCOA.

BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.

GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALEFINE and ISINGLAS, in 1 lb. Packets.

WAFFLE IRONS. AMERICAN BROTHERS.

VERY FINE "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS. BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.

BILLIARD CHALK. BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

BARCLAY and PERKINS' PORTER, in Hogheads.

HOT'S BEST QUALITY RUSSIAN ROPE.

HOT'S ASSORTED TARED and WHITE LINES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

Apply to MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878. me4

FOR SALE.

LARGE TAKASIMA COAL, Ex Godown at \$8 PER TON.

Apply to THS. G. GLOVER,

No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and East Point.

Hongkong, February 18, 1878. me18

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Intimations.

A CARD.

DR. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST, can be Consulted at his Rooms, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, February 5, 1878. me5

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale, every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. ARTHUR has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 67, Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877. me10

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

UMBRELLAS, AUTOMATON PATENT. NOVELTIES in TIES and SCARFS.

COLLARS and SHIRTS, in New Shapes. CHRISTY'S Newest Shapes in HATS.

TALL BLACK SILK and DRAB HATS. ELWOOD'S CORK and FELT HELMETS.

MEERSCHAUM and BRIAR PIPES. CIGAR TUBES, Assorted.

LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS. RACQUET BATS and BALLS.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS and STUMPS. CABINETS of GAMES.

LADIES' DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. MANTEL-PIECE MIRRORS.

FRENCH and ENGLISH DOLLS. AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES. SILBER KEROSINE LAMPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Seventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 22nd March, 1878, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March to the 22nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1878. me22

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. ap1

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1878. me20

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES and PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President. J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President. SAMUEL BOWEN, Secretary. A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 120, Broadway, New York.

Assets \$31,700,000 Surplus \$5,600,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the DRAWN BONDS of the above LOAN, and Interest due to 28th Instant, will be Paid at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after that Date, upon presentation of the Provisional Certificates.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 20, 1878. me1

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the City Hall, on THURSDAY, the 7th Proximo, 1878, at 4 p.m.

By Order, E. GEORGE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 20, 1878. me7

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on FRIDAY, the 15th March, 1878, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1878-79, viz:—

FRESH BEEF. FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA. RAINBOWS. WATER. SOFT BREAD. BISCUIT.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victroling Yard, Hongkong, February 25, 1878. me15

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

WYNDHAM STREET, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex R. S. Tyle, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878. me1

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The German Steamship "GALATHEA" will be despatched as above on or about the 1st of March next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WM. FUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 18, 1878.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, and the usual Ports.

One of the Australasian S. N. Co.'s Steamers will leave this for the above Ports on or about the 20th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at the usual AUSTRALIAN COAST Ports.)

The Eastern and Australian Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched from SINGAPORE for the above Ports on the 5th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1878. fe

FOR VICTORIA (V. L.)

The 41 American 3-m. Schooner "MIGNON," Capt. SOULE, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Barque "MINERVA," ESCOBAR, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 100 41 British Ship "BROOMHALL," H. BART, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

(To follow the Broomhall.)

The 41 British Bark "FALCON," DAVID BARRY, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 American Ship "ALICE M. MINOTT," WHITMORE, Master, will load here and have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The 41 British Ship "CITY OF HALIFAX," EVANS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 American Bark "B. F. WATSON," HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 German Bark "NIAGARA," WISCHMEYER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The 41 British Bark "LADY BOWEN," FOX, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 41 British Barque "ANTIPODES," Captain WITTE, will load here as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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SHIP CASHMERE, FROM CARDIFF.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby notified that she has arrived in Port, and requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878. mo1

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Ex "Aca,"
FP (in diamond) No. 1778 Order, from 2 cases Hat, 1 London.
Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZON.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Amazon, from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee, before 10 a.m., the 21st instant, at 4 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 27th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878.

Intimations.

WANTED.

TO RENT from the 1st of MARCH for a month or two, A FURNISHED HOUSE on the Hill, if possible with Garden.
Address: "Furnished House," care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RACES, 1878.

TICKETS for the GRAND STAND and Enclosure, at \$5 each, can be had on application to the Honorary Treasurer at the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878. mo2

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "YESSO,"
Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 1st March, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878. mo1

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.
TANAR, German brig, Captain Kasmons.—Melchers & Co.
MARIN, German barque, Captain Hundsdorff.—Wieler & Co.
PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Bowcroft.—Tal Lee.
KILLARNEY, British steamer, Captain O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Schellhorn.—Eduard Schellhorn & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 26, *Eleono*, American ship, 1181, Barnaby, Cardiff Oct. 2, Coal.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Feb. 27, *Mangerton*, British barque, 830, G. Thompson, Quilborn Feb. 15, Salt.—CAPTAIN.
Feb. 27, *Norma*, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow Feb. 26, General.—Kwon ACHONS.
Feb. 27, *Pearl*, British steamer, 704, H. Munk, Singapore Feb. 14, General.—MAN HING CHAN.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 27, *Radnorshire*, for Swatow, 27, Zamboanga, for Halphong, 27, *Lyle*, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Vega, for Manila.
Golden Spur, for Tournon.
A. Newton, for Whampoa.
West Stanley, for Chinkiang.
Maharajah, for Saigon.
Yesso, for Coast Ports.
Starace, for Manila.
Parace, for Saigon.
Pernambuco, for Saigon.
Theresa & Nelly, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 200 Chinese.
Per *Pearl*, from Singapore, 41 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kiaw*, for Shanghai, Dr. D. B. Bookley, & N. Mr and Mrs Holliday, and 44 Chinese.
Per *Zamboanga*, for Halphong, Mr Horton, Capt. Garreau, and Miss Boyer.

TO DEPART.

Per *Indus*, from Yokohama: for Calcutta, Mr Livermore; for Southampton, Mrs Wilcox and 2 children; for Brindisi, Mr Chapman. From Hongkong: for Southampton, Mr and Mrs R. M. Hobson, 2 children and native servant; for Bombay, Messrs Welghell and Langdale.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Mangerton* reports: Light winds during early part of passage, later part strong winds and heavy sea, winds prevailing from East to N.E.

The British steamer *Norna* reports: Fresh N.E. winds and thick weather throughout the passage.

CARGO.

Per *Indus*, for London, 1,948 boxes, 810 half-chests and 7 cases Tea, 218 bales Silk, 2 cases Silk Piece Goods, 28 bales Silk, and 192 pkgs. Sundries. For Continent, 182 bales Silk, and 110 pkgs. Sundries. For America, 68 bales Silk, and 21 cases Tea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per *Altona*, at noon, on Thursday, the 28th inst.

Per *Pernambuco*, at noon To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—
Per *Yessu*, at noon To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.
Per *Normandy*, at 10.30 a.m., on Friday, the 1st March. 12 cent rates.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *INDUS* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 27th instant.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 28th instant.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe28

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Aca* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 7th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 6th March.—

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 7th March.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, February 21, 1878. mo7

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgo* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 11th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay, can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 26, 1878. mo11

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 1.—
Daylight.—*Yesso* leaves for Coast Ports. 11 a.m.—*Normandy* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.
Galathea leaves for London, &c., on or about this date.

TUESDAY, March 5.—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, March 7.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
4 p.m.—Meeting of H. K. General Chamber of Commerce, at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 8.—
Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 22nd March, inclusive.

MONDAY, March 11.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco on or about this date.

FRIDAY, March 15.—
Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for the supply of Provisions.

FRIDAY, March 22.—
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the Head Office, Hongkong.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1841.
香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS

OF
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUISITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

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OF
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerale, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aromatic Waters.

The Manufacture is under direct and continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.45 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, 1878.

THE telegrams we publish in another column explain in some measure the private advice that have been received again reporting a critical state of affairs in Europe. Russia holding the Egyptian tribute to the Porte as a guarantee for the payment of a portion of the enormous money indemnity she has inflicted upon Turkey, would mean the investment of Russia with such large interests in Egypt—interests which she could at any time contrive to make an excuse for something more than active interference in the affairs of that state—as could never be tolerated by England without a struggle. The free passage of the Suez Canal either in peace or in war is of vital importance to Great Britain, and she must fear Russian above all other interference in the Khedive's country. The only peaceful way out of the difficulty, should Russia insist on the condition, would be for England to pay the forty millions sterling for the possession of the country. Egypt would certainly be of no use to Turkey for a large number of years to come, all the tribute as well as that of Bulgaria, going to Russia, while doubtless the Czar would prefer to have thirty or forty millions down to receiving it by annual dribbles. The money indemnity demanded from Turkey may well be termed enormous, (about \$200,000,000 in round figures), being exactly the same as was demanded by Germany from France after the war of 1870.

It is evident that one result of Mr. Hennessy's administration of this Colony will be a largely increased annual expenditure of the public funds. We cannot expect to have a Governor's interpreter, an expensive judicial interpreting staff, reforms in the Central School, the education of the Hongkong gamin, a new prison system, typhoon refuge, observatory, lunatic asylum, extension of the industrial school system, and so on, without some additional heavy and permanent charges upon the finances of the Colony. We trust we shall not carry these expensive changes and innovations too far, and have to adopt a similar step to the one just taken by the Government of Victoria, Australia. It will be seen from an extract we publish elsewhere from the *Sydney Morning Herald* that the Cabinet of the thriving colony in question, finding it absolutely necessary to reduce the public expenditure, which had grown year by year to dimensions which even that young and healthy Colony could not support, has been driven to adopt the extraordinary course of dismissing the majority of the leading civil servants in the employ of the Government. It seems that on the 6th ultimo the Cabinet came to the decision to reduce the public expenditure by a sum of \$200,000 annually; and on this same evening a *Gazette Extraordinary* was issued dispensing with the services of a large number of public officers,

including all the Police Magistrates, County Court Judges, the permanent heads of the Lands and Public Works Departments, Collector of Customs, the Engineer-in-Chief, and all railway engineers (with one exception), the Traffic Manager, the Coroners, Wardens of Gold-fields, the three Crown Prosecutors and Marine Survey officers! The officers dispensed with are said to number three hundred or four hundred of all grades. The work of the police courts appears to be undertaken by the unpaid magistrates, but the dismissal of the County Court Judges, Coroners and others is described as having a disastrous effect upon public business. The compensation paid to these officials on account of their dismissal is said to be "enormous." The action of the Government in dismissing such officers as County Court Judges is certainly very remarkable if not inexplicable, but it should afford a useful and impressive lesson to those who legislate for colonies, which have not yet plunged into a crushing expenditure. It should be carefully borne in mind in considering proposed charges on the taxpayers of this Colony for industrial, reformatory, and educational establishments, that Europeans, and Chinese as well, come here not for missionary purposes, or even as the pioneers of Western enlightenment, but solely for the purposes of trade.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

London, 26th Feb., 1878.

The fresh conditions of peace between Turkey and Russia include an indemnity of fourteen hundred millions of roubles, to cover which Turkey has agreed to cede six ironclads, Kars, Batoum, Bayazit, and Ardahan, and to pay forty millions of sterling bonds, of which the sinking fund and interest is guaranteed by the Bulgarian and Egyptian tribute to the Porte.

In the House of Lords, in reply to a question, Lord Derby (the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs) said that up to then, Government had received no information confirming the peace conditions. If the Egyptian tribute to the Porte were demanded, it would require serious considering.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German barque *Christine* returned to port this morning owing to stress of weather.

It is stated that Mr. F. E. Wright is to succeed Mr. Glover, as Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Famine Relief Fund had, on the 22nd instant, reached Tls. 10,767 at Shanghai.

The *Glenfinlas* passed the Canal on the 12th inst., and the *Glenarney* on the 16th inst., both bound for Hongkong.

We learn from the Agents (Messrs. Slomson & Co.) that the str. *Hyperia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for Hongkong this morning.

We notice that preparations are being made for illuminating the R. C. Cathedral next Sunday, in celebration, we believe, of the nomination of the new Pope.

The following information has been sent to the N. O. D. News by the Harbour Master at Shanghai for publication:—Capt. Hutchinson, of the S. S. *Swatow*, reports that at 11 a.m. on the 18th instant, when off the southern entrance to the Sarah Galley Channel, he observed the sea breaking on a sunken rock, situated about 2½ miles S. E. from the centre of Leouah Rock. This rock is not marked on the latest Admiralty Chart of the vicinity, sheet VIII, Eastern Coast, No. 1,159.

In the Supreme Court to-day, an application was made to the full Court by Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Brewster, on behalf of the defendant in the suit of *Botelho v. Ho Cheu*, for leave to appeal to the full Court. The dispute was about the ownership of a strip of land measuring two feet, which had been decided by Mr. Justice Snowden in favour of the plaintiff, and the present application was made for leave to appeal against that decision. After hearing the argument, their Lordships granted leave to appeal. Mr. Francis appeared for the plaintiff.

Messrs. Rozario & Co. have received the following telegram to-day from Amoy:—*"Forest Belle* wrecked south end of Formosa; all lives saved; ship beached; eleven feet of water in her hold; captain has chartered schooner *Ontard* to save sails, gear, and convey crew to Hongkong." The *Forest Belle* was an American vessel of 1,800 tons, commanded by Captain Allan Noyes. At the time of the wreck she was on a voyage from Cardiff to Hongkong with a cargo of coals, and, owing no doubt to unfavourable weather, must have got considerably out of her course. She was a

new vessel, this being her first trading voyage. The U. S. S. *Ranger* is under orders to proceed to the scene of the wreck, to render what assistance she may be able to give to the unfortunate vessel.

THE AMERICAN CUP.

The Yacht Race for the American Challenge Cup yesterday was sailed under exceptionally favourable circumstances as far as regards wind. There was a rattling breeze from the Eastward, and as it kept up all the time the yachts were racing, the time was excellent. Four yachts started, *Ariel*, *Wave*, *Naiad* and *Naomi*. All had single reefed mainsails, but topmasts were kept on and for the run down westward, and after the boats were started and fairly pointed, small spinakers were set by *Naiad* and *Naomi*; *Wave*, setting her large one, and *Ariel* doing the same. *Wave* also sent up a jib headed topsail, set flying, and it did good service. The run to Cow-cow was not very eventful, all the boats going well, the three large ones at steamboat pace; and the mark was rounded:—

Naiad,.....10h. 41m.
Naomi,.....10h. 41m. 30s.
Wave,.....10h. 43m.
Ariel,.....10h. 47m. 10s.

Before reaching the mark, all had hauled topmasts and set small jibs, and having safely gybed main booms over, each made a capital haul round the flagboat, and hauled in sheets for the boat up to the Channel Rocks.

Naiad slipped away from *Naomi* in rather a surprising way, seeing how closely the two have been sailing lately, but if *Naomi*'s second jib is the best she has got, we would recommend her staying at her moorings when there is a beat of ten or twelve miles to windward with *Naiad* to be done, but it seems a pity to lose a race or at any rate a good chance of winning one, through the want of a decently fitting jib, more especially as her other canvas is unexceptionable. From what we could see, it appeared to be hauled out chock to the bowsprit end, and as the back is intended to be a good ten feet in-board, the slow was much too low; and sweat up halyards and bower in sheet as they liked, the crew could never make it set, and all the way up to the shipping the after leech was flapping and shaking the boat out of her pace. *Naiad*, with everything set like a board, and looking as "pretty as a picture," with a single reefed mainsail, foresail, and second jib, was tearing along in just the sort of weather she likes, a little curl of spindrift spinning from her counter as it does when she is sailing; and *Wave* also was humming along in her best style. Just by the mast the steamer *Naomi*'s bowsprit and mast and away went the miserable jib into the water to leeward; she flew up into the wind, and could not be kept going. Whilst in this pickle *Wave* came up and took second place, and *Naiad* of course profited considerably by the mishap. After setting another jib, *Naomi* started in pursuit of her rivals, but it was pretty evident that, barring accidents, *Naiad* had the race in hand, and although *Naomi* plucked up three minutes and a half in the beat to the Rocks, there was a good slight minutes between her and the leader in rounding. They went round the Rocks:—

Naiad,.....12h. 44m.
Wave,.....12h. 51m. 30s.
Naomi,.....12h. 52m.

Ariel gave up.

Naiad's topmast was sent up before rounding, but she contented herself with a lower spinaker until she was about abreast of the Rocks, when she sent up a big spinaker to the topmast head as well, and shortly afterwards set a jib-headed topsail. *Wave* set her two big spinakers, topsail, and water sail, and the little boat fairly flew along under the press of sail. We don't know whether she would not have done as well or even better with less canvas, but her skipper, although a new-comer, is by no means a novice in yacht sailing; and he was bound to "do his level best," but her spinaker sheet got adrift off the point, and after a deal of trouble the sail was got on deck and a small one set. This let *Wave* up again, but *Naomi* got things ship-shape after a bit and went into second place once more. If gear and spars held with *Naiad*, it was now "all U. P.," and the only hope of the whippers-in was "accident or fluke," but everything held, and the Cow-cow mark was rounded the second time:—

Naiad,.....1h. 37m. 30s.
Naomi,.....1h. 48m. 30s.
Wave,.....1h. 48m.

Naiad had therefore beaten *Naomi* a minute in the run down, and *Wave* three minutes, and hauling up commenced her homeward journey perfectly sure of the race, and therefore contenting herself with her reefed mainsail, but she had shifted to a big jib before reaching the western mark. *Naomi* and *Wave* shook out their reefs and shifted to big working jibs; but *Naiad* had it all her own way, and passed the P. & O. S. S. *Indus*, an easy winner, with sixteen minutes in hand.

The times of arrival were:—
Naiad,.....2h. 45m.
Naomi,.....3h. 1m.
Wave,.....3h. 8m. 15s.

Mr. McLeod, having won the Cup two years in succession, now keeps it, and we congratulate him upon possessing so pretty a piece of plate. We understand that the Cup was purchased in Paris by Mr. W. H. Forbes, and it is exceedingly tasteful and appropriate in design.

RACING GOSSIP.

Wednesday Afternoon.

We were later than usual in reaching the Valley this morning, and it did not appear as if we had lost a great deal by being absent as the amount of training gone through was comparatively uninteresting. A quiet saunter round the course showed us that our remarks the other day were well founded. The going is so heavy, that owners exhibited a wise discretion in limiting their work to trotting and cantering. Galloping up to the fellows in mud on a swampy

course cannot tend to improve the condition of any horse or pony, and yet if training custom at home is to be rolled on, an animal which is unable to gallop daily, right up to the actual race-day, materially prejudices his prospects by the omission. We have no desire to cavil at small matters; but really there is so much room for improvement in the management of our races, that we have no alternative but to point out radical defects, which possibly may only have to be mentioned to ensure immediate attention from the Stewards. The necessity for a more energetic official to look properly after the racing and training tracks, we alluded to in a previous communication, and the racing community at large, more especially owners who have large interests at stake, will unanimously admit the justice of our strictures, and the advisability of having all possible improvements effected in our racetracks by this time next year.

Some evil genius must have controlled the Stewards when they selected the days for our annual carnival so late in February. Almost invariably at this time of year we have wet weather, and we think it would have been wise to have forestalled the change of the seasons by at least a fortnight. We may possibly be favored with a sight of old Sol during the next three days; but under foot we cannot look for any comfort, as the lawn in front of the stand will be literally a sea of mud.

In the interests of the fair sex we would urge the Stewards to fix the races in forth-coming seasons about the middle of February. It is generally fine at that time, and instead of having our ladies cooped up in a comfortable stand (nearly all stands are comfortable) we might convert our lawn into a miniature Ascot or Goodwood. Besides the ladies of Hongkong, we shall have many fair visitors from the Coast Ports, and according to present appearances they will have to enjoy racing under difficulties, which may prevent large numbers from favoring us with their presence, and the course will thus be short of its brightest attraction.

The "doing of the cracks" this morning need not be chronicled, of so little importance were the slow canter and gallop indulged in by horses and ponies. The new system of training horses, so much in vogue in this colony (we refer to the swimming business) may after all prove useful in some respects, for if the rain continues, the natatory powers of the candidates may be requisitioned in getting out of the dip just before reaching the Black Rock, and then "the aquatic" will have all the best of it.

An eminent (?) trainer assured us a few days ago "that a good swim was just as effective as a rasping gallop." This idea amused us so much that we intend writing specially to our friend Mr. Mathew Dawson of Newmarket, the most successful trainer of the age, on the subject, so that he may have the full benefit of the Far East discovery.

Training reports from headquarters being of such a meagre description as not to merit particular notice, the gossip of the Clubs, and other places where sportsmen congregate, may not be uninteresting.

The burly owner of Temptation is in ecstasies at the prospects of the course resembling a ploughed field, as his faith in the mud-larking capabilities of the crack sprinter is "firm as Atlas Rock." It is also just on the cards that his staying griffin *Spey*, may flounder home first in the Koechong Cup, the longest race of the meeting, and land that almost impossible "five thousand to fifteen," but this superlatively good thing will hardly come off. Mr. Toote vice Scud, has become a great favorite for the Wong-nel-chong, German Cup, and other important races, and we are promised the somewhat unusual spectacle of a pony, who is as good as two miles as at one fourth of that distance. We understand that

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.



Hongkong, January 1, 1974.

Hongkong, October 14, 1968.

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.								
Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Audacious	600	British	ironclad (flag-ship)	6034	14	800	Feb. 21	F. Durrant
Onslow	500	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Feb. 21	W. Mop, Cdr.
Growler	600	British	gun vessel	464	4	120	Feb. 21	C. E. D. Wilkes
Lapwing	700	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Feb. 21	W. G. Scott
Le Hugon	600	French	mail-of-war	1200	...	...	Feb. 18	M. Galache
Magic	600	British	gun vessel	774	3	180	Feb. 22	W. M. Long
Messance	600	British	military hospital	2691	...	...	...	...
Monocacy	600	U. S.	corvette	788	...	...	Feb. 18	G. W. Sumner
Ranger	600	U. S.	gun vessel	641	2	800	Feb. 24	H. D. Manley
Winger	600	U. S.	gun vessel	408	2	60	Feb. 21	C. F. Knox
Benbow	600	American	flag-ship	2840	...	...	Jan. 21	J. Young
Victor Emmanuel	600	British	Commander's flag-ship	2087	14	Commodore Walker
Vigilant	700	British	despatch vessel	858	2	250	Jan. 25	LA. Com. Amey

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